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- 25X1 1. At the present moment, ball bearings are more urgently required by Czechoslovakia than any other article. Home production is practically non-existent, and although hard currency is made available for the purchase of ball bearings as a priority article, it is not possible to meet the country's requirements.
- 25X1 2. Czechoslovakia has purchased a number of large industrial plants for the iron and machine industries [redacted] but although these plants have already been partially paid for, they are not being delivered because of the blockade.
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- 25X1 3. To compensate for this lack of machinery, a sum of 2,800 dollars was recently allocated for the purpose of buying working drawings [redacted]. It is considered unlikely that these drawings are purchased directly, since the amount is believed to have been made available [redacted]. It is stated that [redacted] the export embargo has been circumvented by these purchases, [redacted] which have supplied the satellite countries with the necessary drawings.
- 25X1 4. It is also reported that working drawings of large oxygen plants destined for Czechoslovak steel works and even larger Soviet steel works have been obtained by these means.

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